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1. Mom Chao Winwathit Raphiphat, Director General of the Thai Customs Department, on 20 September 1950, resigned his position because of differences with Phibun over the Thai Government's acquiescence to United States "demands" that tin and wolfram destined for the United States for use in arms manufacture be granted duty free treatment.*
2. Phibun urged the Director General to withdraw his resignation, but the latter refused.**

25X1A * Comment. Apparently the differences arose over Article IV of the proposed agreement between the United States and Thailand respecting Military Assistance. This Article states: "The Government of Thailand will, except as otherwise agreed to, grant duty-free treatment, and exemption from internal taxation upon importation or exportation, to products, property, materials, or equipment imported into or exported from its territory in connection with this Agreement". It is believed that the provision of this Article are still under discussion by the United States and Thailand.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. Mom Chao Wimmawathit is one of the most capable men in the service of the Thai Government.

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